

Exhibit “VV” to Amended Verified Petition

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
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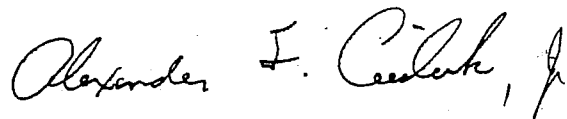
RE: DEC Application No. 3-3342-00022/00005
Proposed Kings Hill Road Shale Mine

Dear Mr. Mehl:

I have enclosed copies of the comment letters submitted to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in response to the public notice on your Mined Land Reclamation Permit. These comments are being provided for your information and consideration. Any response you may wish to provide regarding these comments is welcome and will be considered by DEC as part of its permitting decision. Please provide any response to my attention by April 28, 2005.

If you have any questions, please call me at (845) 256-3014.

Sincerely,



Alexander F. Ciesluk, Jr.
Deputy Regional Permit Administrator
Region 3

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Enclosures

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